



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY November 9, 2017
Touber Building, Methodist Mountain Room

Members Present: Melanie Roth, Emily Katsimpalis, Lee Coveney, Kathy Moore, Andrea Early Coen, Alison Ramsey

Absent: Kay Krebs, John McCarthy, Nancy Roberts, Kristi Jefferson, Steve Harris, Susanna Spaulding

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2017

No quorum, will approve at next meeting.

Board administration:

Terms end 1/31/18:

Emily Katsimpalis (will renew), Kathy Moore (going off)

Steve Harris, Kristi Jefferson and Kay Krebs – Alison will email them to determine plans

New Collegiate Peaks Byway website

Thanks to the Chaffee County Visitors Bureau, we now have a brand new Collegiate Peaks Byway website! They received a \$25,000 Colorado Tourism Office matching grant in 2017 to create and promote a new year-round Agritourism product along the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway. 29 videos (generating over 1 million views) were created as part of the marketing plan along with rebuilding the Byway website.

The CCVB applied for a \$25,000 matching grant for 2018 to promote history and heritage tourism along the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway but unfortunately did not receive this grant.

The Byway Conservation Plan is linked from the interactive map page and there is much more content than in the old site. Please share the website far and wide, the address has not changed.

Guidestone is doing a podcast called “A Time to Grow” on Mondays on KHEN. They will be highlighting agritourism and the new website on the Nov 20 podcast and online as well.

Suggestion to make the site more mobile-friendly.

2017 SHF Grant

Because the Cogans decided not to participate in the ranch survey, an alternate was found. The proposed replacement for the Cogan Ranch headquarters is the Usnick Ranch headquarters located 4.7 miles northwest of Salida on the east side of Colorado 291 (11700 E. County Road 190). The property is currently owned by Dr. Matthew Burkley and Lezlie Burkley. As proposed for the Cogan property, the intensive survey of the Usnick Ranch will focus on the standing buildings. The assessor reports a 1950 year of construction for all buildings, but most appear to be considerably older (see photos) and include an early 20th century main house and a sidehill log barn. The survey will include an intensive architectural survey of the standing buildings. The historians believe this can be accomplished with no change to the project budget, although the historical research may be more challenging than the Cogan Ranch, which remained in the same family. The current owner of this property purchased it in 1999 from previous owners who acquired it ca. 1988. The archaeological component, however, is

estimated to cost approximately \$704 more to record and analyze the trash dump/ranch “boneyard” lying north of the ranch buildings. Although somewhat removed from the building cluster, best practices would argue for inclusion of this area of potential artifacts in the archaeological survey. The situation contrasts with the Cogan headquarters, which appeared to be quite disturbed in terms of archaeological potential.

The SHF has been notified of the change has ok’ed the substitute. A permission by the Burkleys is underway. Because the cost will be \$704 more, the CCHAAB asks that members consider donating to help cover the additional fee.

FRRA has begun working on the register nominations and will begin the ranch surveys in the late winter or early spring.

CLG Discussion

Emily will let the Board know the next time there is a workshop on CLGs. The board discussed that the more leniently written the CLG resolution, the more buy in from the community. Stress the benefits and that it will not change property rights.

A synopsis on what it means to be CLG would be very helpful that it opens up grants with no match; that the CLG board can review register nominations; that the county could locally landmark properties that do not qualify for state and national registers and then owners could still apply for state tax credits and grants through the SHF.

Oral Histories with ranching families

An interview is set for Sunday, Nov 12 with Frank McMurry. Steve King (Susanna’s husband) will be the videographer. Lee said that the Conservancy is very interested in helping with this project including helping fund it but needs a budget.

Discussion moved to Guidestone’s 150th anniversary celebration of the Hutchinson Homestead. One way to celebrate could be to include oral history component to the event. Collaboration between CCHAAB/GARNA, Conservancy, Guidestone and all other heritage groups in the county. Andrea will begin a group discussion in January on this possibility.

General Outreach

Hutchinson Homestead celebration could be a great event in 2018 to highlight all heritage group contributions.

Special Use Review

Lantz Minor Subdivision proposal for a 14 acre solar garden along CR 140 adjacent to US 285 very visible from the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway, and possibly block the viewshed toward the Mosquito Range on the east side of the valley. Proposal on hold at this time.

Schedule 2018 meeting dates

Jan 11 – BV; Feb 22 – Salida; April 5 – Salida; May 17 – BV; June 28 – Salida; August 9 – Salida; September 20 – BV; Nov 1 – Salida; Dec 13 – Salida

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 11 in BV; location TBD

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm